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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in reply to the Final Office Action of March 19, 2007 in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.
 Applicant hereby requests a ***-month extension of time to respond to the above Office Action.
 A Terminal Disclaimer is enclosed.
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Sir:

AMENDMENT

Prior to the further examination and in reply to the Final Office Action of March 19, 2007, please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Title begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract are reflected on page 9 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

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Application No. 10/098,683
Amendment dated June 18, 2007
Reply to Office Action of March 19, 2007

Amendments to the Title:

Please replace the title with the following amended title:

~~-- SPINAL IMPLANT CONTAINING BONE MORPHOGENETIC
PROTEIN~~MULTIPLE BONE GROWTH PROMOTING MATERIALS --